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Dr. Jane E. Henney, Commissioner  
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Dear Commissioner Henney:

Like most Americans, I am very concerned about the safety of the food that I eat. As a consumer I feel that it is my right to know if the food I eat has been genetically altered. Such food pose unknown risks to family farmers, to the environment, and to my health and the health of me and my family.

In May, a lawsuit was filed challenging the FDA's policy of not requiring labels on transgenic foods. I am writing to support the demands of this lawsuit for safety testing and complete labels. Consumers should not be unknowing guinea pigs in industry experiments with potentially dangerous foods. I look forward to hearing that the FDA is living up to its mandate to protect public health and will provide consumers with the information we need about the food that we eat.

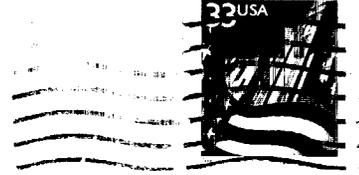
Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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